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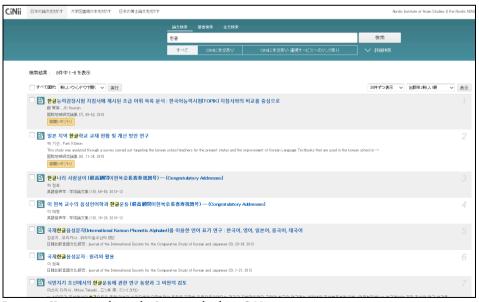
East Asian Resources Crossing Borders

Research on China, Japan, and Korea crosses borders, in the sense of comparative research (between two or three East Asian countries), or research written in one East Asian language but located in a database using another East Asian language. For example, a requested article in Japanese on negations in the Japanese language could only be found for us in a Korean database (see Picture 1 below).

Today, no database enables simultaneous cross searching in Chinese, Japanese and Korean language. Therefore, when searching for material, it is useful for researchers/students to try to use various databases—Chinese, Japanese, and Korean.



Picture 1: Japanese article in the Korean database DBpia. Not available to us in Japanese databases.



Picture 2: Korean articles in the Japanese database CiNii

Japanese Resources

The AsiaPortal contains several resources for Japanese studies: http://www.asiaportal.info/region/japan/
The following are the most important:

- JapanKnowledge (licensed). Japan's largest knowledge database. Contains many important academic dictionaries, reference works; 日本国語大辞典, 国史大辞典, 日本歴史地名体系, イミダス, full-text books; 日本古典文学全集, 東洋文庫 etc. More than 1,000 volumes.
- CiNii (free to search, partly licensed to read, partly Open Access) – the most important academic article database. Contains also books and dissertations.
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- National Diet Library Digital Collection. Contains books until 1969, rare books and old material, periodicals, doctoral dissertations, official gazettes, material on modern Japanese political history, etc.
- Newspapers (licensed): Asahi shinbun (朝日新聞), Nikkei (日経新聞), Yomidasu Rekishikan (読売新聞) and Japan Times with archives from Meiji period These can also be used as resources for language researchers.

Korean resources

The AsiaPortal contains several resources for Korean studies: http://www.asiaportal.info/region/korea/
The following are the most important:

- DBpia디비피아: Multidisciplinary full-text database of journal articles published by major Korean research institutions. Ca. 2,000 journal titles.
- KRpia항국의지식콘텐츠: Full-text databases including reference works and primary sources such as dictionaries, encyclopedias, and archival material.

Dbpia & KRpia: The five NNC institutions NIAS, Stockholm, Helsinki, Copenhagen, and Oslo have a special consortium meaning that these institutions pay an extra fee (in addition to the NNC membership fee) for these resources. If other NNC institutions are interested in this consortium, please contact Inga-Lill Blomkvist (ilb@nias.ku.dk)

• Naver News Library, Naver 뉴스라이브러리: Free resource, consisting of newspapers with various periods covered: 매일경제 Mae'il Kyŏngje 1966-1999, 동아일보 Dong-A ilbo 1920-1999, 경향신문 Kyŏnghyang Sinmun 1946-1999, 한겨레 Han'gyŏre 1988-1999.

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